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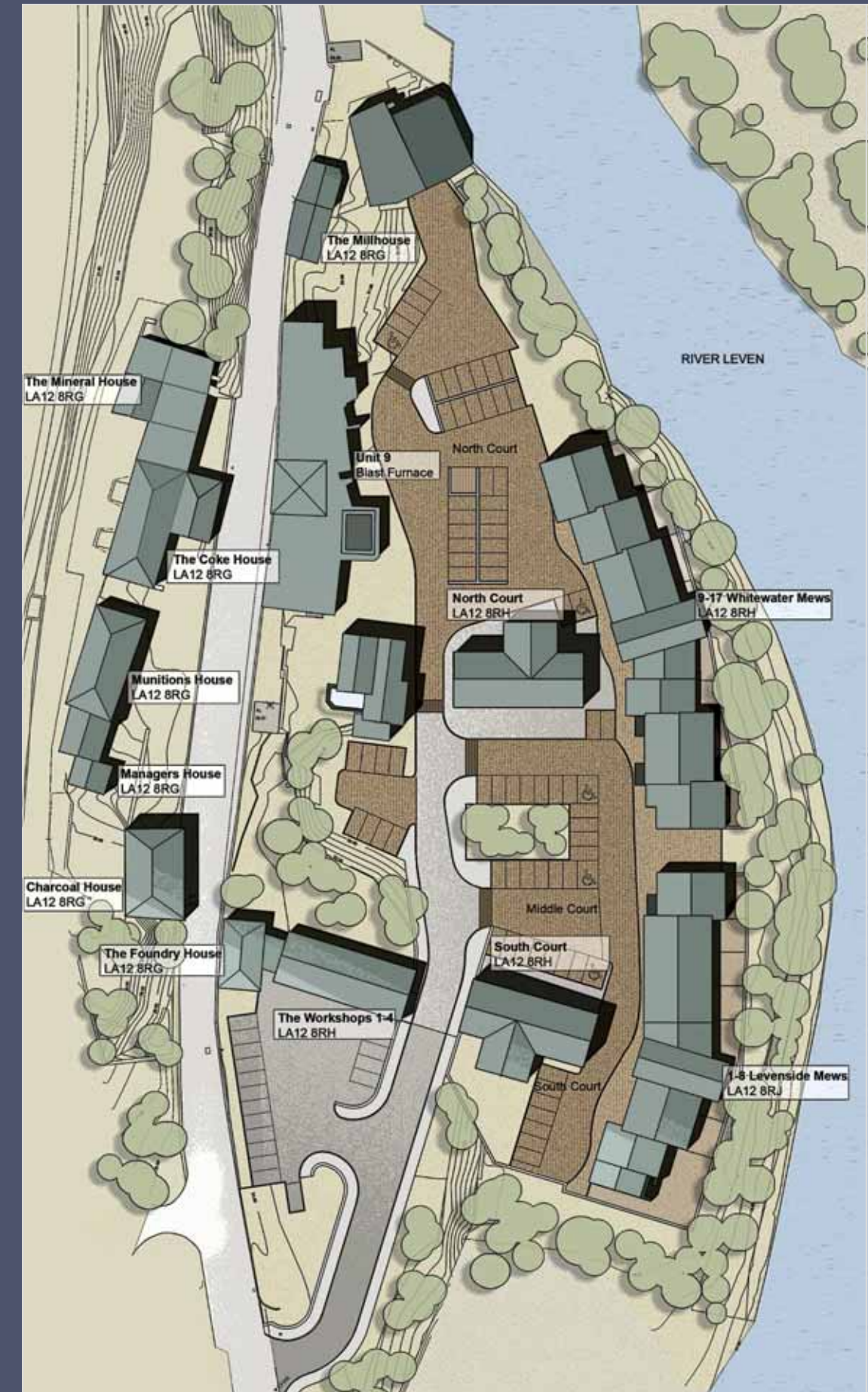
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Backbarrow Ironworks Cumbria

This mixed use scheme comprises of 19 live/work units, 7 dwelling houses, 2 new office buildings and a series of workshop units on the site of a Scheduled Monument in Backbarrow, Cumbria.

Located at the southern end of Lake Windermere the site is set between the Lakeside to Haverthwaite steam railway and the River Leven. The project included the repair and restoration of the Backbarrow Ironworks. The historic ironworks at Backbarrow is the site where Isaac Wilkinson (of Wilkinson Sword) was ironmaster in 1735. The scheme safeguards the archaeological and historical importance of the site and ensures the Scheduled Monument is conserved for generations to come.

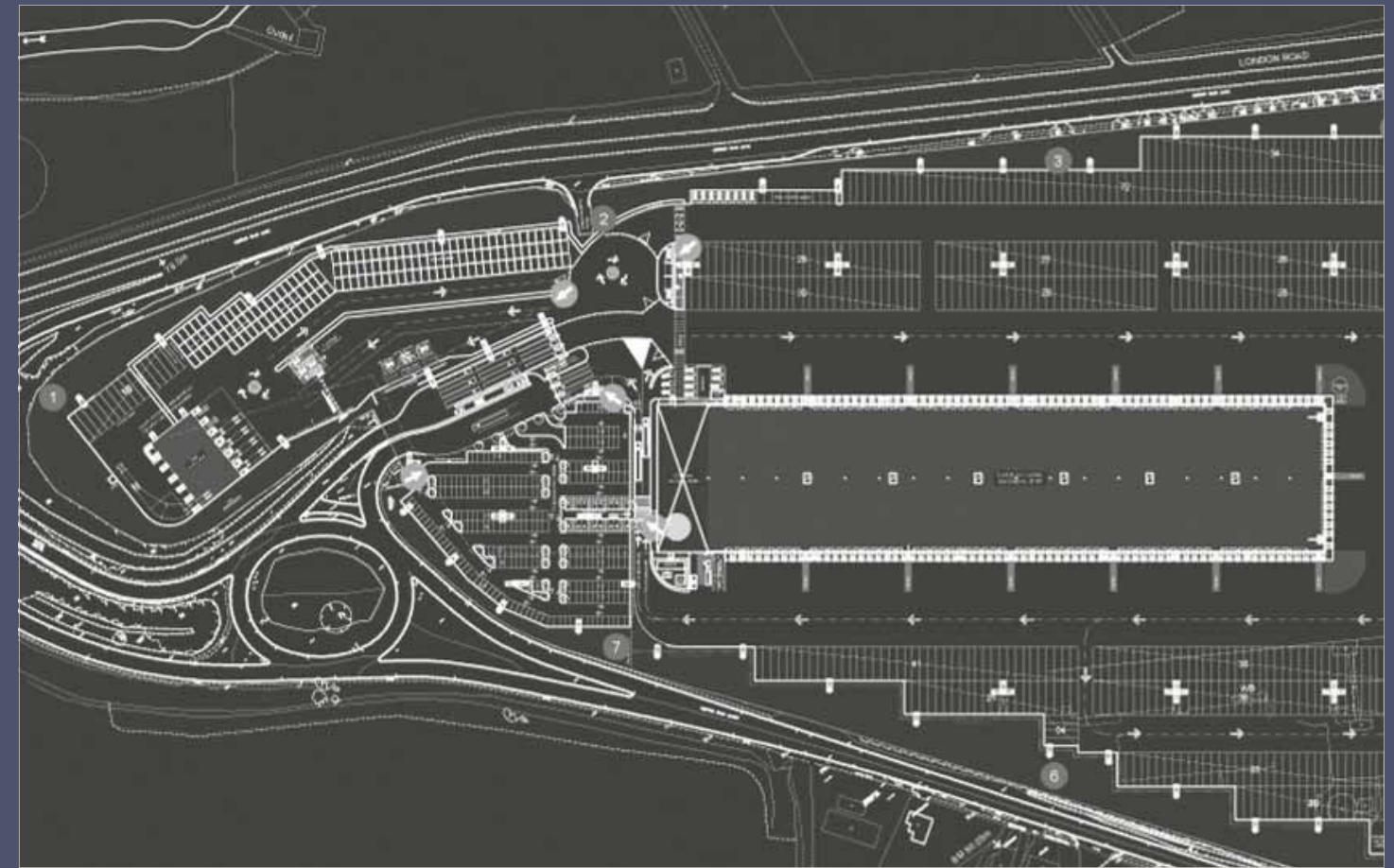
Achieving statutory approval for the scheme of the project involved working closely with English Heritage and the Lake District National Park Authority at all stages of the project.



National Sortation Centre Ryton-on-Dunsmore

The National Sortation Centre at Ryton is a facility for the sorting and distribution of large volumes of goods to a nationwide network of depots. The Centre is capable of handling over 50,000 parcels per hour for the Home Delivery Network.

The building has a floorspace of approximately 21,000sqm (226,000sqft) comprising 17,780sqm of distribution space and 3,200sqm of office accommodation. The new facility will provide employment for 200 Sortation staff, 80 drivers and 25 office staff, providing new opportunities within a community which has struggled since the closure of the Peugeot Citroen car manufacturing plant on the site in January 2007.



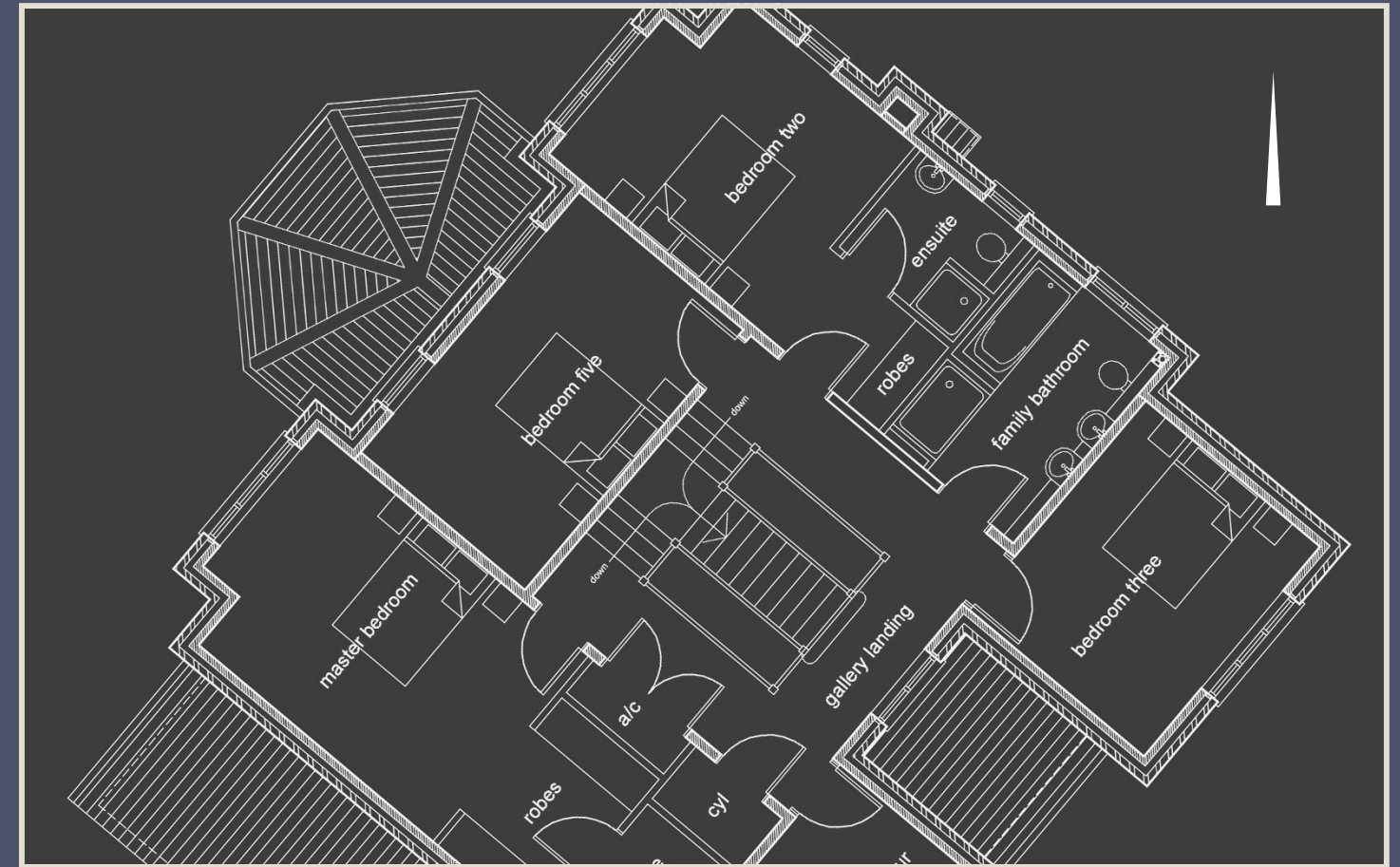
Private Residence Southport

This replacement dwelling for a private client lies in a desirable cul-de-sac within a suburb of Southport, Merseyside.

The surrounding houses are traditional in appearance; mostly detached, with large front and rear gardens. Our approach was to create a dwelling in keeping with the local area; one that maximises the full potential of the site, tailored to specifically suit the client's needs.

The building's layout is quite formal in arrangement, providing a sense of occasion and drama on arrival. The principle elevation is almost symmetrical clearly marking the front entrance porch, with two projecting bays addressing the front garden. The rooms on the ground floor are large enough for the whole family to gather, and all benefit from clear views and direct access into the garden. Above, at first and second floor level, the bedrooms are arranged around a central gallery featuring a solid oak staircase.

The design team worked closely with the local planning authority at pre-application stage to realise the maximum development potential of the site, and secure a swift planning consent for the client.

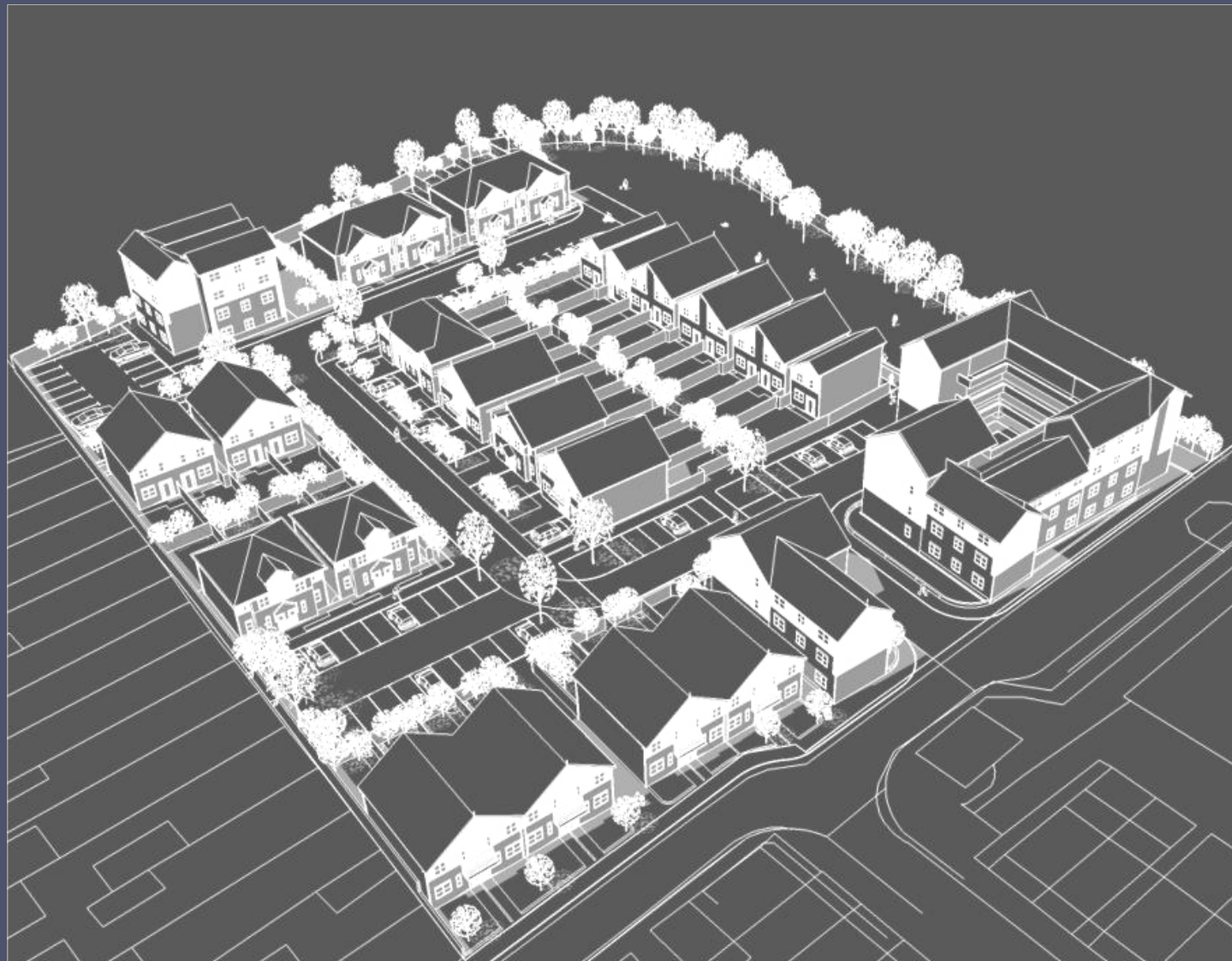


Bobby Langton Way Burscough

This proposed housing development in West Lancashire for a private developer is comprised of mainly family houses with a small proportion of one and two-bed apartments.

In developing the initial designs for the housing layout, the intention was to create a new and interesting place to live whilst retaining close associations with the surrounding existing housing streets through the evocation of a similar density, pattern, and scale of the existing housing stock. The design was arrived at by a rigorous development process which considered the merits of different solutions - each taking account of street patterns, density, access, permeability, amenity space, and interfaces with adjacent sites.

The design and scale of the housing was determined by objective considerations of typical house types in the surrounding areas, and recent developments in modern housing. Particular effort was made to find an integration of interesting modern architectural with traditional housing accommodation.



Chessingham Park Dunnington

Simpson (York) Limited, a national shopfitting and construction company based in York commissioned this project in 2007. Simpson co-ordinate and manage sites throughout the UK for a portfolio of prestigious clients. The company had far outgrown its premises in Osbaldwick, and wished to relocate to new premises within York to further their growth.

Located adjacent to a Nature Reserve, the site also presented particularly sensitive ecological issues. The project involved working closely with Ecologists, Natural England, and the local Conservation Officer to agree practical measures to mitigate any potential loss of habitat.

In addition to a new headquarters for Simpson (York), the client also wished to develop a series of B1, B2 and B8 commercial units for sale to local businesses. It was hoped that this would provide local businesses with an opportunity to own their own premises and stimulate the local economy.

The client and the design team were committed to delivering a sustainable development and embracing new technology wherever possible. The buildings therefore utilise a range of renewable energy sources such as photovoltaic panels, solar thermal panels and a biomass boiler. Additionally, rainwater is harvested via underground collection tanks.





Burscough Football Club West Lancashire

This scheme for Burscough Football Club features a new £4m football complex to provide the Unibond Premier league side with vital facilities which to aid their development and enable future growth.

The Club currently operates a senior team and numerous youth and junior teams. Burscough Football Club famously enjoyed considerable success in the 2005/06 season, progressing into the second round of the FA Cup. However with only one pitch and a lack of basic amenities, the Club are finding it increasingly difficult to progress further.

In addition, the Club suffers from a lack of changing facilities for female players. Women's and girl's football is one of the fastest growing sports in the country.

The facilities of the new complex aim to generate a much needed income stream to fund the progression of Burscough Football Club and deliver the first community football complex of its kind in the district.

Facilities include a 5,000 capacity stadium, modern changing and staffroom facilities, a multi-purpose hall and classrooms for use by local school children. The scheme was designed to be fully compliant with the requirements of the Football Foundation, the organisation founded by the Football Authorities and government to support the development of grass roots football.

The proposal hopes to improve amenities for local people, secure the future of Burscough Football Club, and place greater emphasis on quality and designing places for people.

Cinnabar House Morecambe

This project involved the conversion of a Grade II Listed Building into twenty-two apartments in the centre of Morecambe.

The developer client in secured the purchase of the former education building and adjacent site from owners Lancaster and Morecambe College in 2006.

Designed by Lancaster county architect, Henry Littler, the building was opened in 1912 as an Art and Technical College for the Borough of Morecambe. Designed in a neo classical style, materials used include Cinnabar Red Accrington brick, cream ashlar sandstone and Cumbrian slate to finish the roof. The weather-vane, known as the Galleon of Knowledge, sits on top of a Tuscan-influenced cupola with domed lead roof.

The site was also located within the bounds of a local Town Heritage Initiative. Through close negotiations with the Local Authority regarding the conversion of this important asset, a Planning and Listed Building Consent was secured whilst also achieving a commercially successful scheme for the developer client.



Port Wirral Eastham Docks

Port Wirral was a Project Management appointment for the Peel Group. The role involved the management and coordination of a large team of consultants to prepare a planning application for a new port facility at Eastham Locks, Wirral. Along with client representatives, the team consisted of Planning Consultants, Architects, Cost Consultants, EIA Coordinators, Multi-modal and Socio-Economic Specialists, Utilities Consultants, Landscape Architects, and Ecologists.

The facility will provide modern storage and handling facilities for materials arriving and departing by ship on the Manchester Ship Canal. The port will combine rail, road and ship modes to offer economical, efficient and sustainable freight transport.

In its completed form the port will provide berthing for five ships, approximately 98,000m² of warehousing, 135,000m² of open storage, a bulk mineral discharge and rail loading facility, and rail sidings serving warehousing. The construction budget remains confidential, however the final build cost is estimated as a nine-figure sum.

A berthing face of approximately 1350 metres is proposed with the capacity to berth ships of the maximum draught that can access the canal. At the rear of the berth a strip of quay approx 40m wide will allow goods to be marshaled before loading or after discharging, feeding to or from the adjacent warehousing. This area will be capable of supporting loadings imposed by heavy cranes and other similar mechanical handling equipment.

The construction of the larger development site will take place in a phased manner over a number of years with Phase 1 having an initial berth to accommodate two ships, a potential rail connection, and warehousing adjacent to the berth. As business develops the berth length can be increased and more warehousing constructed without affecting the initial port operations.





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